

## SWITCHMEN IN WASHINGTON JOIN "OUTLAW" STRIKE

## German Troops Threaten Strike for Death to Ruhr Snipers

## EBERT'S ORDER STAYS FIRING SQUAD'S ACTION

German Commanders Declare Suspension of Executions Encourages Reds.

## TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

Indications of New Revolt By Worst Elements of Agitators.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND.

Quesseldorf on Rhine, April 11.—The German government troops in the Ruhr district threaten to go on strike unless the Berlin cabinet reinstitutes the death penalty through drumhead courts-martial or extraordinary military courts.

Such is the message which will be conveyed to the Berlin government by an officer representing the reichswehr, sent by Gen. von Watter, commander-in-chief of the Ruhr troops.

There are now more than thirty persons sentenced to death by courts-martial or an extraordinary court sitting at Weesl. All are charged with participation in the red insurrection. The executions are stayed by President Ebert's recent order prohibiting the putting to death of offenders by the military without his counter signature.

## Has Had Effect on Troops.

Commanders of various reichswehr groups declare that the suspension of military executions is a great encouragement to the worst elements in the Ruhr region who shoot at troops from buildings or under cover of darkness and openly boast of killing soldiers because they know they will not be executed, and this is declared to have an exceedingly bad effect upon the troops' spirit.

The representations on the question are to be traced back to the initiative of Commissary Severing, representative of the Berlin government in the Ruhr region. Severing went to Berlin to lay the matter before the cabinet, but the latter declined to reinstitute the death penalty for guerrilla warfare against troops.

## Troops May Be Withdrawn.

Gen. von Watter now has sent a representative of the troops to Berlin to say that unless the government permits the application of the military law against snipers, it may become necessary to withdraw the troops from the Ruhr district because of the nightly wholesale sniping. There are indications of new revolts in the rear of the advancing lines by elements who know they will not be executed and therefore are willing to take a chance at stirring up a fresh red rebellion.

## In one instance the troops were so aroused that, regardless of President Ebert's order, they shot ten men caught in a building from which they had been firing upon the soldiers.

## WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN SEA

(By Herald Leased Wire.)

New York, April 11.—In the morgue at the Coney Island Hospital tonight lay the unidentified body of a young and pretty woman, found floating in the sea at the foot of Ocean Parkway, Coney Island. The woman was about 22 years old, five feet six inches tall and weighed 120 pounds. She had long, light brown hair, large gray eyes and slim tapering fingers. Two molars, apparently of porcelain, were recapped with gold.

There was no mark of any kind on her body, with the exception of a bruise over the right eye.

Her apparel was of material far above average and of costly design. She wore a black silk taffeta dress, with brown silk trimmings and gold embroidery. She wore a white silk petticoat, pink silk underwear, brown silk stockings, brown oxford ties and a black pony skin coat with a fur collar.

Her hat was missing. No bag or pocketbook was found. Neither was there any jewelry.

Detective Ryan is investigating the story of a waiter in a Coney Island dance hall, who said the body resembled a girl who was in the resort last night with a young man.

## Given Decoration By Pope Benedict



ADMIRAL WILLIAM S. BENSON, U. S. navy, retired, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, who received the highest degree of knighthood in the military division of the Order of St. Gregory, at the 11 o'clock mass in the Cathedral at Baltimore yesterday. The decoration was conferred by Cardinal Gibbons. An elaborate musical program was presented.

## WILSON'S SHEEP WILL LEAD PARADE

## White House Flock in Van Of "Be Kind to Animals" Procession.

The flock of thirty White House sheep will come forth from their well-fed lethargy this afternoon to lead a parade of animals, the most novel procession ever seen in this city of pageants.

Thus will "Be Kind to Animals Week" be inaugurated. Under the auspices of the Humane Education Society an elaborate program has been devised, of which the parade is the lead-off. The effect of the whole, it is hoped, will be to wipe out cruelty and ill-treatment of all animals in the District, whether the result of thoughtlessness or design.

## Other Notable Features.

Though the sheep will occupy the van, they will not have all the distinction of the procession. Gen. Pershing's famous mount, "Jeff," and probably twenty other war horses from his stables and those of his staff will take part. The Riding and Hunt Club will be prominently represented, both as regards equines and their riders. Also there will be a mule—a hard-boiled army mule, wearing a blanket telling the world "They don't dare treat me rough."

There will be hundreds of dogs and cats, conveniently assigned to separate sections, and the rear will be brought up by a world.

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By WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

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## HOUSE SEEKS PEEP IN 'ATTIC' OF WAR OFFICE

Seek Reason for Withholding Excess Supplies From Market.

## CAN TURN NEAT PROFIT

Materials Badly Needed and Price Is in Advance of That Paid.

Congress wants to look into the War Department attic. Republican leaders who are wrestling with the problem of governmental economy intend to introduce a resolution in the House calling for a balance sheet from Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, that will show the department's reasons for "reserving" or holding off the market more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of materials—most of which will deteriorate before they can possibly be used—with no more apparent reason than the weakness which fills the average garret with things that might be of some use sometime.

There exists in the War Department a division of sales, created for the specific purpose of disposing of the surplus material which the government had on hand when the armistice was signed. This material was accumulated on the basis of three more years of war and an army of 5,000,000 men.

## Tied Up by "Reservations."

The original orders given to this division was to dispose of everything to the best possible advantage, instructions that worked well in theory, but encountered an almost insurmountable obstacle in the "reservations" that virtually all branches of the War Department and various other government departments were permitted to make. As a result, the division of sales, confronted by a market that will absorb virtually everything that the government has, at a profit to the government, is forced to turn away eager purchasers with the consciousness that the very articles wanted are lying in open storage—of no use to the government, but, instead, a drain upon the Treasury. Instances of the material "reserved" that could be sold now at

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## KILLS HIMSELF IN GRAVEYARD

(Special to The Herald.)

Hagerstown, Md., April 12.—Barclay E. Hollingsworth, 60 years old, wealthy manufacturer of this city, died this morning from self-inflicted bullet wounds.

He went last night to the grave of a niece, in Rose Hill Cemetery, where he fired two bullets into his brain, after dropping roses on her grave.

He had been in ill health for several weeks. At the home of John Lewis, where he lived he left a note, which said: "With malice toward none and charity for all."

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## Alice Gentle Files Suit for Divorce



ALICE GENTLE. All is not gentle harmony in the home of Alice Gentle, famous Metropolitan mezzo-soprano, who has filed suit for divorce at Santa Cruz, Cal., against her husband, Robert Bruce Gentle, a New York dentist. The opera star's complaint charges that her dentist-husband deserted her eight years ago, leaving her to care for their one son, now 14 years old. The Gentes were married in Seattle in 1908.

## WOMAN TRIES TO CHOKER PICKET

## Sprints Upon Mrs. Joseph Grady as She Parades Before Church.

Tranquillity of the Sunday morning exit of worshippers from St. Matthew's Church, on Rhode Island avenue near Seventeenth street, was shattered yesterday when an unidentified young woman sprang at one of the Irish pickets doing duty in front of the church and attempted to choke her. A man, also unidentified, interfered and the attacker hurried away. There was no policeman near. The picket, Mrs. Joseph Grady, of New York, declared she was unhurt.

Mrs. Grady was parading up and down in front of the church bearing a placard calling attention to the fact that the English had proclaimed martial law in Jerusalem. A young woman pedestrian read the placard and hurrying up behind Mrs. Walsh sprang upon her and dug her fingernails in the picket's neck. Not a word was spoken during the attack, but after being dragged off, a witness says he heard the young woman mutter something about "disgraceful creatures" as she hurried away.

Pickets Also at St. John's. Placards calling attention to martial law in Jerusalem were also displayed by the pickets in front of the fashionable St. John's Episcopal Church at Sixteenth and H streets northwest, but aroused no comment nor any special attention. The

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## BRITISH COMMANDER TO CONCILIATE IRISH

London, April 11.—Sir Nevill Macready, successor to Gen. Sir Charles F. Shaw, commander of the British forces in Ireland, is going to that country within a few days to assume his duties.

"I am going to Ireland with an open mind," he said. "I am in a sympathetic frame of mind and I invite the support of all parties. My belief is that most of the existing differences are due to misunderstandings. If I can help to make the country peaceful and contented I shall be more than satisfied."

"I am convinced the real Irish are not responsible for the recent cold-blooded murders. Irishmen are not assassins, whatever else they may be."

## Twin Brothers, Aged 80, Observe Anniversary

Frederick, Md., April 11.—Adam and Henry Nushbaum, 80-year-old twin brothers, celebrated their birthday anniversary at the home of the latter near Frederick today. Adam Nushbaum lives at Walkersville, this county. Henry is a veteran of the civil war and was confined in three Confederate prisons during his service.

## CREEL-BABSON DEAL 'SECRET,' SAYS REPORT

Smoot Committee Mentions Rochester in "U. S. Bulletin" Transfer Case.

## COURT ACTION URGED

Clayton, Another "War Worker" Named in Allegation.

By ROBERT T. BARRY.

A direct charge of "secret and wrongful practices" by George Creel, former chairman of the Committee on Public Information; Edward S. Rochester, editor of the "Official U. S. Bulletin" published by the Creel organization during the war; and Roger W. Babson and C. T. Clayton, both "war workers" in the Department of Labor, was made yesterday by the Joint Congressional Committee on Printing, headed by Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah.

The accusations involving Creel grew out of the transfer of the "Official U. S. Bulletin" to Babson, who continued its publication as the "U. S. Bulletin," every effort being made, it was stated, to have the publication retain its appearance as an official organ of the Federal Government. The Congressional committee recommended that "proper steps be taken by the law officials of the government to determine whether proceedings should be instituted against any or all of the persons concerned, for the purpose of obtaining just compensation to the government."

## Effort to Keep Changed.

"When it became evident to Creel and Rochester that the Bulletin would not be continued as a governmental organ," the Congressional committee stated, "there seems to have been a deliberate effort to foot that \$600,000-a-year publication. A gang of safe-blowers could hardly have created greater havoc in a country bank than did these government employees in the office of the Official Bulletin when the final word was given that Uncle Sam had refused to continue as their benevolent paymaster."

To the ordinary business man

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## 6,000 Fleeing Hubbies Found By Wife Bureau

Through the "Gallery of Missing Husbands," published in Hebrew newspapers in the United States and Canada, almost 6,000 wife deserters have been located by the National Desertion Bureau, it reports. Seven out of ten family deserters sought were located. In 3,695 cases the bureau effected reconciliations or arrangements for support. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of dollars thus have been saved for charitable organizations.

Photographs of deserters were published weekly in rogues' gallery form. About 350,000 persons were reached through this publicity. When recent husbands are located, they are given a chance to explain. The bureau does not believe that reconciliation is desirable in every case where a family is broken up. Where economic causes led largely to separation, it is more practicable to reconcile a family than in cases where the pathological or "temperamental" factor is present, the bureau believes.

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## Gompers Opposes Injunctions, Wage and Arbitration Boards In Reply to Republicans

Replies to 55 questions submitted by the Republican National Committee to the Platform Committee of the National Nonpartisan Political campaign have been made by President Samuel Gompers, Secretary Frank Morrison and Vice President Matthew Woll, of the American Federation of Labor.

In the main labor opposes the following named propositions: The Kansas Industrial Court. Collective co-operation through shop councils. Legislation limiting the right to strike. Establishment of arbitration and conciliation boards. The injunction in industrial disputes.

Private employment agencies. Minimum wage boards. Clayton Law Wage Approval. Labor endorses these issues: Collective co-operation through trade unions. The Clayton law. The Trade Union movement's machinery for handling industrial disputes. Free Federal employment agencies. Standard eight-hour day and 44-hour week. Restrictive legislation for women workers. Equal pay for equal work. The document, which replies to the questionnaire sent out recently

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## Airman Ends His Life in Hotel Room

Capt. C. S. Katzman, Overseas Veteran, Blows Out Brains With Revolver.

Capt. C. S. Katzman, 35 years old, of the Air Service, veteran of the world war and 14 years in military life, was found dead in a room in the Continental Hotel yesterday. A bullet from a .45 caliber revolver had pierced his brain. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of suicide.

Capt. Katzman was last seen alive by his wife and two-year-old son at the Donald Hotel, 1013 Thirteenth street northwest, where he was residing, Friday at luncheon. Apparently in good spirits, he kissed his wife and boy good-bye, buckled on his revolver, which he seldom carried, and left the hotel.

Katzman registered at the Continental the same afternoon and was shown to room 211. Hotel employees became suspicious when Katzman failed to come out of his room. They forced an entrance and found his body.

Coroner Nevitt found a note written by the captain on a table in the hotel room. In it Katzman asked forgiveness for his deed and asked that he be buried in Arlington.

Mrs. Katzman is on the verge of a nervous collapse. She has lived here with her husband for a year, following his return last April from overseas duty. Prior to the war, Katzman was stationed in Washington at intervals.

Military funeral services probably will be held tomorrow afternoon.

## President Kills "Relapse" Rumors By Spin in His Auto

President Wilson yesterday refuted repeated rumors that he had had a serious relapse by appearing in a big White House automobile with Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Cary T. Grayson and taking a two-hour spin along the Speedway and through other parks.

The start was made at 11 o'clock. The President waved cheerily to a group at the west gate of the executive mansion as the car passed through. He appeared in good health, as was the case on his last appearance, more than two weeks since.

Dr. Grayson has emphasized several times lately that the only reason the President had not been going out in an automobile was that he preferred not to, and not because his condition was worse.

## \$140,750 IN BONDS SEEK "VET" OWNERS

Liberty bonds valued at \$140,750, sent through the mails to former soldiers and sailors from the office of the zone finance officer at Washington during March, have been returned because the owners cannot be located. The zone finance officer now has 6,640 discharge certificates which cannot be delivered because of missing or incorrect addresses.

During the month 4,620 bonus claims, amounting to \$277,200, were paid. To date there have been mailed 1,640,042 bonus checks, aggregating \$98,402,520. During March the zone finance officer located and mailed 15,733 liberty bonds to the par value of \$786,650.

An alphabetical list of undeliverable discharge certificates by States has been turned over to the American Legion.

## WEEK'S SURPLUS OF FOOD IN CITY AS TIE-UP COMES

"Congressional Limited" and Other Fast Trains Withdrawn in General Curtailment—Pullman and Sleeping Car Service Practically Suspended—Railroads in New York Impose Most Drastic Embargo in Nation's History.

With Washington freight yards and storehouses stocked with sufficient food for about a week after current commodities may be consumed, practically the entire body of switchmen employed by the Washington Terminal Company last night joined the "outlaw" strike which has swept the country from coast to coast.

Yesterday afternoon fifty switchmen quit the day shift and at midnight the night crew, numbering fifty more, did not report for work.

## Effect is Crippling.

J. H. Tonge, superintendent of the Terminal, last night admitted that the strike would seriously cripple the passenger service of trains running in and out of Washington. All trains entering and leaving the city must pass through the Terminal to be switched to their destination.

## Trying to Keep up Service.

After the failure of the switchmen to report at midnight Union Station dispatchers said that every effort was being made to keep up service and they were ordering through trains without making changes of the cars and sections in the depot.

Railroad officials began to immediately curtail passenger service and five trains were cut off the schedule between here and points north. It was announced at the Union Station that if the situation became more serious further extensive curtailments would be made.

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## "War Time Specials" Speeding Toward New York With Food

New York, April 11.—The "outlaw" railroad strike retained its grip on New York and all points East today. Recruits were reported joining the strikers throughout the afternoon and, following the regular daily conference of the subcommittee of the General Managers' Association, J. J. Mantell, chairman of that body, admitted the situation is exceedingly grave.

Drastic curtailment of passenger train service will be made if necessary in order that milk and perishable foodstuffs may be rushed to New York. Strikers permitted the milk train to reach the city on time today. Millions of pounds of beef and other foodstuffs are speeding eastward from Chicago, Kansas City and other packing centers on New York Central "war-time specials," according to officials of the New York Central this afternoon. The most drastic freight embargo ever known in railroad history in the United States is now in effect on all shipments of freight, coal and steel on the Pennsylvania Railroad originating west of Altoona for points east.

An embargo has also been placed on all freight from the south destined to points north of Norfolk.

The significance of the embargo lies in the fact that eighty per cent of the bituminous coal used in New York and points east comes from the country about Altoona, via the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The railroad managers welcomed Sunday, without the "rush hour" schedules and commuters' trains, as an opportunity to reorganize their forces. Pensioners will be called in by the officials and men will be shifted from other forces to the mobile branches.

Officials are hoping other employees will not walk out but firemen are expected to join the strikers out now.

## CARMEN VOTE TO STRIKE THIS MORNING IN NEW JERSEY

Jersey City, N. J., April 11.—All street car lines in Hudson County will be tied up early tomorrow morning.

This was decided tonight at a meeting of employees in Odd Fellows' Hall. The reason given by the leaders for the strike was that the men demand a nine-hour day. Armour and Company employees walked out of the Jersey City plant late today when they heard that strike breakers had been employed to unload meat from railroad cars on the plant's siding.

## SWITCHMEN OF 11 ROADS AT KANSAS CITY STAY OUT

(Special to The Washington Herald.) Kansas City, April 11.—The striking switchmen on eleven Kansas City roads have given no indication of ending their outlaw strike and returning to work.

The large mills, soap plants and other industries today adopted the policy of the big meat packers and will be practically shut down tomorrow. The number of men thrown out of work as a result of the strike of 1,500 switchmen has reached 10,000. Rock Island switchmen declare

## Crew Abandons Mail-laden Erie Chicago Express

Port Jervis, N. Y., April 11.—The Eastbound Chicago Express of the Erie Railroad was abandoned here at 5:43 o'clock this afternoon by its crew, leaving the 200 passengers without means to continue their journey.

Some of the passengers remained on the train, while others sought hotels here to spend the night.

The train carried United States mail and railroad officials declared crew members may find to their cost that abandoning Federal mail is no light matter.

their union will stick. Their lines largely lie in Kansas where the Kansas Industrial Court has jurisdiction. About 300 other switchmen on Kansas lines, however, have walked out in violation of the State law.

R. J. Hopkins, attorney general, will renew his investigation to determine who was responsible for calling the men from their work. Arrests are expected.

## OUTLAWS DETERMINED TO "GET" UNION HEADS

"The only issue now at stake in the strike of insurgent railroad switchmen at Chicago is the fight between 'outlaws' from the Switchmen's Union of North America and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and the head officers of these two organizations," said G. W. W. Hanger, assistant commissioner of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, who returned to Washington from Chicago yesterday.

"My purpose in going to Chicago was merely to investigate conditions at first hand, and not to mediate, as the question of wages was not brought into the dispute until after the strike had been on for several days. Railroad officials there have no authority to give increased wages to the men, as this is a matter for the railroad labor board, which is yet to be appointed by President Wilson."

"John Grunau is the organizer for the Chicago Yardmen Association, which is based on the 'big union' idea and is recruiting its members from the B. of R. T., the Switchmen's Union, the Firemen's and Locomotive Engineers' unions, and other organizations in the yard. I will discuss the matter informally with Commissioner W. H. Chambers tomorrow, but there is no action our board can take to adjust the matter," said Mr. Hanger.

## Leave Trains on Sidings.

Philadelphia, April 11.—Several trains were cancelled on suburban and New York divisions because of the walkout of about 600 men on the Pennsylvania Railroad. In several instances the crews left their trains on sidings.